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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : White House and Camp David Situation Room

REFERENCE : Letter from DCI dated 16 May 1956 (ER 8-2662)

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1. In fulfillment of the Agency's commitment to Cdr. Edward Beach, White House Naval Aide, the Office of Current Intelligence has designed and supervised the installation of briefing facilities in the White House Situation Room as well as at Camp David. These are being completed in time to provide the President and his Staff with such assistance as they may desire during [REDACTED] Utilization and staffing of the White House Situation Room after the termination of [REDACTED] will be arranged with Cdr. Beach. The facilities at Camp David will revert to a standby status after the exercise. 25X1A

2. During the period of [REDACTED] the Office of Current Intelligence will provide briefing officers to staff these Situation Rooms on a full 24 hour per day basis. This will be in addition to OCI responsibilities at the CIA relocation center. The Situation Rooms will have in addition to the CIA representative an officer representing the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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3. On Friday, 20 July, when it is probable that the President will visit the White House Situation Room, the CIA representative will be Mr. [REDACTED] our regular White House Staff briefing officer. It is not planned that [REDACTED] will present a substantive briefing at that time but will instead explain the facilities of the Situation Room and its potential for serving the President and his staff on call or as the need arises. 25X1A

4. During the course of [REDACTED] we will use the communications facilities at the White House Situation Room as well as at Camp David to test their suitability and adequacy.

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Acting Assistant Director  
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